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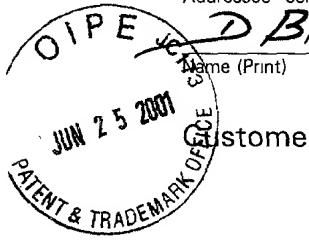
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Docket No: 2901/0J410

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Giuseppina BESTETTI; Simona CALI'; Daniela GHISOTTI; Gaetano ORSINI; Giancarlo TONON; Gabriele ZUFFI

Serial No: TO BE ASSIGNED (Continuation of PCT/EP99/10416)

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

For: RECOMBINANT BACTERIAL STRAINS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL NUCLEOSIDES AND MODIFIED ANALOGUES THEREOF

PCT CONTINUING APPLICATION

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. 111 of the above-identified international application designating the U.S. The following are enclosed:

1. A copy of the international application including amendments thereto.
2. [X] Declaration, petition and power of attorney

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3. [X] Drawings, 5 sheets (Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)

4. [X] Payment in amount of \$445, (\$445 filing; \$0 recording)
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5. [X] On information from Applicant's overseas representative,
Applicant claims small entity status.

6. [X] Amend the specification as follows. On page 1, after the title
add the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of international application Serial No.
PCT/EP99/10416, filed 23 December 1999, the entire
disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

7. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is attached.

8. [X] Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding
application/s having been filed as follows:

Country: Italy
Number: MI 98 A 002792
Date: 23 December 1998

The priority documents [] are enclosed
[X] will follow.

9. [X] Sequence Listing: Statement Under 37 CFR §1.821(f); Hard Copy and Diskette

Date: June 25, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee			\$710.00
Total Claims 30 - 20	- 0 = 10	x \$18.00	\$180.00
Independent Claims 3 - 3	- 0 = 0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	- if so, add	\$270.00	\$0.00
Surcharge for late submission of filing fee and/or declaration (\$130.00)			\$0.00
SUBTOTAL			\$89.00
[X] Small Entity REDUCTION (Half of Subtotal)			\$445.00
Fee for recordation of assignment (\$40.00)			\$0.00
Charge for filing non-English language application (\$130.00)			\$0.00
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In re Application of: Giuseppina BESTETTI et al.

Serial No.: Not yet assigned
(Continuation of
PCT/EP99/10416, filed
December 23, 1999)

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Examiner:

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June 25, 2001

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 1.821(f) SEQUENCE LISTING

Sir:

A diskette is enclosed which includes the required sequence listing for the above-referenced application. A paper copy of the file is attached.

The content of the attached paper entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING" and of the accompanying identically labeled diskette, specifically the ASCII-encoded file therein labeled NORPH11.APP", is the same. Furthermore, the information contained in the attached "SEQUENCE LISTING" and the ASCII-encoded file is identical to the information in the specification as originally filed.

Consideration of this Amendment and the enclosed diskette and paper are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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